

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 12, 2008 MINUTES

On Tuesday, August 12, 2008, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 9:40 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners David Schulz, Jim Hart, and Marilyn Ross present.

Cathy Gustin, fill-in administrative support, read minutes from the August 5, 2008, meeting. Jim Hart moved to approve the August 5, 2008, minutes with corrections. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Charity Fechter, Catherine Ellerton, Vernon Blackard, Sharon Blackard, James Ellerton, Richard Dalson, and Chris Mumme.

Cactus Ridge Minor Subdivision Final Plat: Charity Fechter, Planning Director, presented the Board with the final plat of Cactus Ridge Minor Subdivision. This subdivision will create two residential lots, one 32.83 acres in size and one 77.22 acres in size, eight miles south of Twin Bridges, Montana. Charity stated that the submittal is in compliance with conditions and recommended approval of the subdivision. Marilyn Ross moved to approve the final plat of Cactus Ridge Minor Subdivision in Section 26, Township 4 South, Range 7 West, being a portion of Parcel B2 recorded in Madison County Certificate of Survey Book 7, Page 1447BA, with the Subdivision Improvements Agreement and Letter of Credit #17013. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Charity asked the Board about policy regarding who is authorized to travel in a County vehicle. The Board responded that it is allowable for someone involved in a County sponsored tour or other event to travel in a County vehicle but that travel for personal use, such as transporting a friend or family member, is not allowed. Charity also discussed air travel time for employees attending a conference or other County sponsored event. Charity will check with other entities regarding policies for air travel time.

Claims: The Board approved claims.

Airports – Manager Positions: In concurrence with the Airport Board recommendation, Marilyn Ross moved to approve hiring Mike Floyd and Randall Witt as Co-Managers for the Twin Bridges Airport, beginning at \$18.97 per hour, with the total number of hours for the position to remain the same. Jim Hart seconded the motion, adding that in the event of a decision, Mike will be the first among equals. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Office Space: The Board discussed the need for additional office space in the Courthouse and the fact that the Facilities Advisory Committee is laying the ground work to get a recommendation to the Board for a permanent solution but there are still immediate needs that must be met. David Schulz stated that he has discussed the request from MaryAnn O'Malley, Justice of the Peace, for a permanent, noise reducing structure to be added to the temporary Courtroom in the hallway with the Janitor. His response was that it was not advisable to add a more permanent structure that may compromise the historic nature of the existing structure. David Schulz also noted that the County Attorney has requested additional help and will need additional office space to accommodate that position. Options were discussed. David Schulz will draft a letter to the Town of Virginia City to re-visit the option of using the Lee property for temporary office space.

Petition for Streamside Protection Ordinance Setbacks – Re: South Boulder: Charity Fechter, Planning Director, Catherine Ellerton, Vernon Blackard, Sharon Blackard, James Ellerton, and Richard Dalson, South Boulder residents, met with the Board to discuss the proposed streamside protection ordinance. Catherine Ellerton stated that she was the spokesperson for the group and read a letter to the Board requesting that the inclusion of the South Boulder area in the current proposal be reconsidered and citing several reasons that the South Boulder River should not be included in the proposed ordinance. The letter was presented to the Board along with a petition of landowners and residents of the South Boulder area / Tobacco Root Mountains. The Board noted that the Streamside Protection Committee is working to develop an ordinance but that it has not been presented to the Board to act on. The Board will draft a letter to the Committee urging that they consider the input of this group and consider the differences between the Madison and South Boulder Rivers in relationship to the proposed ordinance.

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Fire Restrictions: Chris Mumme, Director of Emergency Management, met with the Board to discuss fire restrictions. Chris recommended no change in fire restrictions at this time.

Appointment of Virginia City Rural Fire District Board Members: Chris Mumme, Director of Emergency Management, presented the Board with five applications for trustees to the newly formed Virginia City Rural Fire District. Marilyn Ross moved to appoint Andy Thomas, Chris Leonard, Toni James, Scott Kelley, and Seth Petersen as the first Board of Trustees for the Virginia City Rural Fire District with decisions regarding positions, terms, and budgets to be discussed at the first meeting. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Chris Mumme will appropriately advertise and post a notice for the first meeting of this Board.

Grants: Chris Mumme, Director of Emergency Management, met with the Board to discuss the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$10,024. Chris will complete and submit the grant application.

Journal Vouchers: Jim Hart moved to approve Journal Vouchers for the 7/08, 8/08, and 13/08 accounting periods. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

RID Assessment Placement: Jim Hart will make arrangements with the County Attorney to meet with him and Charity Fechter, Planning Director, regarding RID assessments.

Public Comment: The Board acknowledged receipt of taxable values for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 from the Department of Revenue on August 4, 2008. Jim Hart informed the Board that he will be conducting interviews for the Ennis Road Crew position beginning at 4:30 p.m. on August 18, 2008, at the Road Shop in Ennis, Montana.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

David Schulz, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: August 19, 2008

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